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Adeliza Olson at the family-run Columbia View service station located at what today is ¼ mile east of 45th Street Leif Erikson Drive. ca. 1930

In This Issue …

Several of the earliest pioneers who had donation land claims in the Astoria area have given their names to the different divisions of Astoria, to streets and to former Astoria schools: The names of John Shively, John McClure, John Adair, Samuel C. Smith and George Washington Cook have all been recognized in some way. The name of Robert Shortess, however, has not. In this issue, Susan Swanby tells the story of Alderbrook and its founder.

William Larson and my grandfather were both born into families described in the Swedish church records as "ut-fattig," translated as "extremely impoverished." We are grateful to Paul F. (Fletch) Johnson for sharing the story of his grandfather's years as a sailor boy followed by his rise to Clatsop County Commissioner.

Debra Baldwin of the *Lighthouse Journal* sent us this personal story of Carl Leicht, the architect of the Flavel House.

—The Editor

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This family heirloom was donated by Abel Olson, great grandson of Ann Shortess. She was a native American (likely Chinook) named in an original donation land claim in East Astoria. Standing about 26" high, this totem pole with new paint, is not necessarily reflective of her tribe of origin. The symbols are from bottom to top, an owl, person, bear, and a small eagle who's head is missing.

CUMTUX: Chinook jargon:
"To know... to inform"

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Three masted sailing ship *Nordsee* built at Stettin (Szczecin, Poland today), 1893; 1,768 tons.